



**Alison Eleanor Fraser**

**United States Army Nursing Corps  
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**Born:** 20 Aug 1918

**Died:** 25 Mar 1999 (age 80)

**Place of Birth:** Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

**Parents:** Donald Gordon and Mary (nee Dawe) Fraser

Donald G. Fraser was the local town of Bay Roberts Pharmacist or druggist as known then. He and his wife Mary owned and operated Frasers Drug Store, just east of the present-day War Cenotaph.

The 1921 Newfoundland general census shows the Fraser family at Bay Roberts. Donald is 56, wife Mary is 44 and children; Dorothy 16, Jean 14, Margaret 12, Mary 10, Katherine 8, Edythe 4 and Alison 3.

By the time of the next census in 1935, Donald is 70 and a widower, having lost his wife Mary in September 1922. The children are grown up with Dorothy, 30, a schoolteacher, Margaret 27 is working as a

stenographer, Mary is a druggist like her dad, Katherine 22, is a nurse in training, Edythe is 18 and Alison 16. Donald's sister Margaret, aged 64, is living with them.

In August 1946, Alison arrived in New York, U.S.A. via the American Overseas Airlines. She took residence on Manchester Road, Tuckahoe, New York and went to work as a nurse.

Meanwhile her closest sibling, Edythe, had married a young dentist, Whitman Leroy Goodwin of Harbour Grace. This marriage ended in 1952 when Edythe died of breast cancer at the age of 36.

Back to Alison in the United States, the 1950 US Federal census shows Alison, now 31 living in the Bronx, New York and working as a nurse in Veterans Administration (Government) Hospital. Alison had become a naturalized American citizen.

By 1945, Alison has become a Lieutenant in the United States Army Nursing Corps as indicated by this newspaper clipping.

*From the Bay Roberts Guardian newspaper dated 14 July 1945:*

Lieut. Alison Fraser, of the American Nursing Corps, stationed at Camp Wolters, Texas, arrived here last week, to spend a short furlough with her father, Mr. D. G. Fraser.

Alison visited Newfoundland in August 1949 for a two-week period arriving at St. John's on board the vessel Fort Amherst.

Alison returned to Newfoundland and ended up marrying her older sister, Edythe's widower, Dr. Whitman Leroy Goodwin.

They settled in Harbour Grace, where Goodwin had a dental practice. Alison now became the nurse at the clinic.

Alison passed in 1999 and is buried in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Cemetery at Harbour Grace. She was eighty (80) years old.